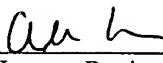


U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371 AND 37 CFR 1.491		ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 216406
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US01/23880	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 30 July 2001	U.S. APPLICATION NO. 10/089,496
PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 28 July 2000		
TITLE OF INVENTION ROOT RETARDANT		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US JOHAL, Sarjit and ANTRIM, Richard L.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371 and 37 CFR 1.491.</p> <p>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371 and 37 CFR 1.491.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)).</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC 371(c)(5)).</p> <p>11. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Form (CRF) b. Specification Sequence Listing on: i. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Copy c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statement verifying identity of above copies</p>		
Items 12 to 19 below concern other document(s) or information included:		
<p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. <input type="checkbox"/> Form PTO-1449 <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of Listed Documents</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet Under 37 CFR 1.76</p> <p>18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</p>		

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20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)): Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO \$1,040.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO \$ 890.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO, but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO \$ 740.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$ 710.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4) \$ 100.00		CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY		
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT=		\$890.00		
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the National fee or oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date		\$130.00		
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total Claims	24	-20=	4	x \$ 18.00 \$72.00
Independent Claims	12	- 3 =	9	x \$ 84.00 \$756.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)			+\$280.00	\$0.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS=		\$1,848.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.		\$0.00		
SUBTOTAL=		\$1,848.00		
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment. The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet. \$40.00 per property		+ \$40.00		
FEE ALREADY PAID=		\$(1,142.00)		
TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED=		\$746.00		
		Amount to be: refunded \$ charged: \$		
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$746.00 to cover the above fee is enclosed.				
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.				
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Date: May 2, 2002				

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

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Date of Deposit: May 2, 2002

I hereby certify that this express request to begin national examination procedures under 35 USC 371(f) of the International Patent Application referenced above, including all of the items listed thereon as enclosures, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Box PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Attention: DO/EO/US, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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